

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ziegler, et al.

Serial No. (NOT YET ASSIGNED)

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For: **"MODIFICATION OF BUS
PROTOCOL PACKET FOR
SERIAL DATA
SYNCHRONIZATION"**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir

Prior to substantive examination, please enter the following Amendment:

AMENDMENT

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.111 and MPEP 714, a clean version of the Amendment follows on the next page, the Remarks follow the clean version and the markup version of the Amendment follows the Remarks.

In the Specification

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On page7, line 14 please change "by th D27.1" to --by the D27.1--.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

9. (Amended) The [apparatus] method of Claim 8, wherein the converting step comprises performing an 8b/10b encoding.
11. (Amended) The [apparatus] method of Claim 10, wherein the converting step comprises performing an 8b/10b decoding.

REMARKS

Applicant has amended Claims 9 and 11 to remove a typographical error. Claims 1-11 remain in the application. Applicant asserts that no new matter has been added.

No addition fees are believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including any necessary extensions of time, which are hereby requested, to Deposit Account No. 501403.

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CLEAN VERSION

9. The method of Claim 8, wherein the converting step comprises performing an 8b/10b encoding.
11. The method of Claim 11, wherein the converting step comprises performing an 8b/10b decoding.